PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT U.S. Appln. No. 09/493,211

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please enter the following amended claims:

8. (Amended) The peptide BP 1, having SEQ ID NO. 1.

9. (Amended) The peptide BR 2, having SEQ ID NO. 2.

10. (Amended) The peptide BP 2.\(\beta\), having SEQ ID NO. 3.

11. (Amended) The peptide BP 2.4, having SEQ ID NO. 4.

12. (Amended) The peptide BP 2.5, having SEQ ID NO. 5.

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been reviewed and amended to correct minor informalities. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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